

MEMBER CONDUCT COMMITTEE – 31TH JUNE 2022

Report of the Monitoring Officer

ITEM 7 WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of Report

To enable the Committee to consider, and agree any changes to, its work programme to assist it to plan its future business.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers any items that it wishes to add to, or amend in, its work programme for future meetings.

Reason

To enable the Committee to identify future items of business and enable planning for future meetings to be undertaken, for example preparing reports and arranging for the attendance of officers and/or others at meetings.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

At its meeting on 24th March 2014, the Committee resolved to introduce a work programme to manage the business to be conducted at its future meetings (minute 12 refers). The Committee has considered business at its subsequent meetings based on that programme.

Before its meeting on 13th December 2021 the Committee was asked to consider amendments, if any, it wished to make to the Council's Constitution. As no amendments were suggested this item 'Review of the Constitution' listed to be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 13th December 2021 was not submitted. The item has been rescheduled for December 2022.

The Government response with respect to the review of local government ethical standards by the Committee on Standards in Public Life was received and then circulated to the Committee on 21st March 2022.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

It is recommended that the Committee reviews its work programme at every meeting. Future meetings for 2022-23 are as follows:

19th September 2022
20th November 2022
13th March 2023

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

None

Risk Management

No risks have been identified with this decision.

Background Papers: None

Appendix: Work Programme

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APPENDIX

Member Conduct Committee – Work Programme

ITEM	NOTES	DATE
Update on Complaints Received	An update on complaints received about breaches of the Code of Conduct and any issues arising from those complaints.	Standing item
Regular review of Members Code of Conduct and Planning Code	7th December 2015 – requested the Chair and Vice-chair of the Plans Committee and the Head of Planning and Regeneration are invited to attend the Committee on a regular basis, to review the relationship between the Planning Code and the Members’ Code of Conduct. 13th December 2021 - agreed this item be reviewed on a two yearly basis.	December 2023 <i>(two yearly)</i>
Review of Constitution	Consider details of possible amendments to the Constitution it may wish to recommend within the Committee’s remit as part of the annual review process	December 2022 <i>(last considered 2nd December 2019)</i>
Review of local government ethical standards by the Committee on Standards in Public Life	Consider the recommendations by the Committee on Standards in Public Life’s review of local government ethical standards after the Government has provided a response.	To be scheduled <i>(Government response circulated to Committee 21st March 2022)</i>
Review of the Constitution alongside CSPL recommendations	Consider details of possible amendments to the Constitution after the recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life have been considered by the Government.	To be scheduled <i>(awaiting Government response)</i>